



**PARKS AND RECREATION
REGULAR MEETING – DRAFT MINUTES
Wednesday, October 17, 2018
City Hall Kiva Forum
3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

PRESENT: Sherry Woodley, Vice Chair, Commissioners Alexandra Albert, Michael Auerbach, and Fred Klein

ABSENT: Todd Davis, Chair; Commissioners Kurt Jones and Jason Watton

STAFF: Director Reed Pryor, Managers Denise Clayton, Terry Erickson, Erin McKallor-Quill, Jody Pierce, and Chris Walsh, Coordinator Phil Hershkowitz, and CPM Project Manager Chris Perkins

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Woodley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present as indicated above.

Director Pryor introduced new Commissioner, Alexandra Albert.

Commissioner Albert introduced herself and talked about her interest in the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Public Comment

Jacqueline Jenner expressed an interest in bringing a community garden to Scottsdale. She is interested in learning what the process would be and finding others who would be interested in the community project.

Minutes

Work Study Session Minutes – September 5, 2018

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Commissioner Klein said that on page 3 in the second paragraph, the statement should be changed to "One suggestion was that more focus be given to the parks generally instead of to individual park events."

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Indian Bend Wash Master Plan

Jeff Engelmann and Teresa Makinen, representing J2 Engineering & Environmental Design, gave an overview of the master planning design process and public outreach approach for the Indian Bend Wash.

Mr. Engelmann said that efforts are being made to collect and analyze all available data including aerial photographs, storm event data, and public input. The next step will involve generating concepts that will be presented for public comment. Issues that are being focused on include ADA access, irrigation, and infrastructure systems. Innovative solutions such low-impact and green infrastructure, LED lighting, and recreational activities will be explored.

Ms. Makinen talked about the public engagement approach and reviewed the timeline for gathering public input.

Three preliminary concepts will be developed based on the research and stakeholder input. Those concepts will be narrowed down to one concept that will again be presented to the public for input before being submitted to City Council for approval. It is anticipated that the process will be completed in approximately 12 months.

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions. Chris Perkins from Capital Project Management explained that originally approximately \$22 million was allocated through the CIP process for maintenance of the wash. It was determined that the best course of action would be to evaluate all the work needed and create a master plan. The master plan is separate from the design and construction portions. Budgets for design and construction have not been established at this time. Ms. Makinen said that citizens would be engaged through Facebook and other digital methods.

Mr. Engelmann explained that low impact development is a green infrastructure method for dealing with stormwater flow where stormwater is routed through a natural greenway.

Director Pryor explained that at this time there have been no additional sources for funding of projects identified through the master plan. He said that if the life cycle, arterial, and transportation funds question passes on the November ballot, those funds would become part of the CIP funding.

2. Chaparral Park Updates

Phil Hershkowitz, Coordinator, gave a presentation about maintenance and improvements at Chaparral Park. He reviewed the history of Chaparral Park, which was originally constructed in 1972. Maintenance strengths include the urban lake program, large spaces for public use, and 1,200 trees. Maintenance challenges include an aging infrastructure and maintenance of aging trees. Mr. Hershkowitz said that many of the older trees were lost in the recent storms. Baseball and softball tournament organizations are impressed with the extra effort grounds maintenance takes to prep the fields during tournaments approximately every two games.

One baseball tournament organization indicated that they require home run fences on the fields in order to continue coming to Scottsdale. Based on the economic impact of these groups visiting Scottsdale, the tourism development department funded installation of home run fences on the fields.

Amenities available at Chaparral Park include an inclusive playground and a dog off-leash area. Chaparral Park has been operating as a test site for renting ramadas for half-days instead of full days. Under the half-day program usage went up 9.3 percent during the off-season and is expected to have more use during season.

Recreational activities available at Chaparral Park include urban fishing, leisure education classes, softball and Little League tournaments, a "how to ride a bike" program, splash and play, and Mighty Mud Mania.

The off-leash area has recently been installed with electronic gates, which lock at closing time. Turf in area two was recently replaced and the area has a new drainage cistern.

3. Director's Report

Reed Pryor, Director, highlighted recent events. The Grand Ole Fashioned Picnic was held for the second year at Eldorado Park with a good turnout. Lights on After School was held at the Museum of the West in support of the nationwide initiative to celebrate after school programs for kids. Rail Fair at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park had lower attendance than in past years because of weather. Opening Game for Fall League is tonight, October 17th, at Scottsdale Stadium.

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park will host Halloween Movie night on October 26, 2018 beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a showing of the movie "Coco."

Eldorado Park will host Fall Festival Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dunkin for Pumpkins at McDowell Mountain Ranch will be held Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Eldorado Fishing Expo is scheduled for November 17, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Holiday Lights begins November 30, 2018. The display will include new, bigger displays.

Director Pryor announced that state has changed the "camping in public spaces" law. Police will no longer be able to ask people to leave the park unless the park is closed or if the individual is obstructing activities or behaving in a disruptive manner. He said that he anticipates that the Aquatics Allocation Policy will be presented on November 14th for review and recommendation.

Director Pryor reminded Commissioners that one Parks and Recreation Commissioner is invited to participate on the Fees and Charges Committee.

Regarding neighborhood park public meetings to discuss possibilities for future park developments on City-owned land in northern neighborhoods, there is no current funding to develop these parks. Staff is interested in surveying residents to learn what amenities they are interested in seeing in the future.

Commissioners were asked to RSVP for the North Area Park Tour currently scheduled for November 10th.

4. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Albert complimented the positive, friendly attitude of a maintenance worker she recently met while visiting Chaparral Park.

5. Possible Future Agenda Items

- North Area Parks Tour
- South Area Parks update
- Youth Development update
- Fees and Charges update
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Commissioner Auerbach requested that discussion regarding the "camping in public spaces" law be agendaized for discussion. He clarified that he was not hoping to argue with the law, just to offer an opportunity for Commissioners and the public to discuss the topic. Director Pryor indicated that he will ask the City's legal department for a recommendation on the most appropriate approach to agendaizing discussion on the topic.

6. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER ALBERT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER KLEIN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). VICE-CHAIR WOODLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALBERT, AUERBACH, AND KLEIN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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